

09-326 Office of Public Health

Agency Description

The mission of the Office of Public Health (OPH) is to:

1. Promote health through education that emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility for health and wellness.
2. Enforce regulations that protect the environment and to investigate health hazards in the community.
3. Collect and distribute information vital to informed decision-making on matters related to individual, community, and environmental health.
4. Provide for leadership for the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability in the state.
5. Provide assurance of essential preventive health care services for all citizens and a safety net for core public health services for the underserved.

The goals of the Office of Public Health are to:

1. Protect the quality of our physical environment.
2. Reduce illness, disability, and premature death.
3. Elevate the health status of our population.
4. Improve our health care and social environments.
5. Evaluate the health status of our population.

The Office of Public Health performs the functions of the state, which relate to the general health of Louisiana citizens. The OPH fulfills its core public health functions through approximately 35 programmatic and administrative offices. In addition, preventive and primary care is delivered in public health facilities and laboratories in parishes throughout the state (except Plaquemines Parish). The OPH has evolved to respond to the most pressing health needs of Louisiana citizens, while implementing programs to prevent disease and promote health. This has resulted in many new efforts to prevent the spread of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, to monitor shellfish waters, to educate the public about health threats, to provide community education on healthy behavior and lifestyle choices and to react to new issues as they arise. The Office of Public Health continues its commitment to protect and enhance the health of Louisiana's citizens by providing a wide range of preventive and primary care services to reduce illness, disability and premature death. In addition, OPH enforces the State Sanitary Code, tests food products, maintains vital statistics and educates Louisiana residents.

The Office of Public Health has three programs: Personal Health Services, Environmental Health Services, and Vital Records and Statistics. The Office of Public Health is also committed to tracking and working toward attainment of many healthy people 2010 goals, which are national standards for health status.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$41,202,615	\$41,320,406	\$45,888,813	\$44,560,828	\$38,734,923	(\$7,153,890)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	5,684,289	16,944,377	16,944,377	17,606,178	20,215,256	3,270,879
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	22,820,822	24,361,634	24,361,634	25,076,985	24,416,670	55,036
Statutory Dedications	5,955,875	6,971,000	6,971,000	7,534,421	4,574,312	(2,396,688)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	134,108,022	148,772,385	149,059,674	154,021,040	141,898,774	(7,160,900)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$209,771,623	\$238,369,802	\$243,225,498	\$248,799,452	\$229,839,935	(\$13,385,563)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Personal Health Services	\$189,577,897	\$211,692,862	\$216,548,558	\$221,296,536	\$204,462,582	(\$12,085,976)
Environmental Health Services	17,173,505	23,589,213	23,589,213	23,951,580	22,123,853	(1,465,360)
Vital Records and Statistics	3,020,221	3,087,727	3,087,727	3,551,336	3,253,500	165,773
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$209,771,623	\$238,369,802	\$243,225,498	\$248,799,452	\$229,839,935	(\$13,385,563)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	2,011	1,925	1,968	1,968	1,683	(285)
Unclassified	17	16	17	17	17	0
TOTAL	2,028	1,941	1,985	1,985	1,700	(285)